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PLEASE AMEND THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

In The Claims:

Enter replacement claims 253 and 262 as follows:

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253. (Amended) The composition of claim 252, wherein said protein is selected from an antibody, a hormone, a growth factor, a lymphokine or cytokine, a cellular matrix protein, receptor binding protein, or a combination of any of the foregoing.

G2
262. (Amended) The composition of claim 261, wherein said ionic interactions comprise a combination of polycationic and anionic interactions.

Please add new claims 280-281:

G3
-- 280. (NEW) The composition of claim 245, wherein said monomeric unit contains polycationic segments and the binding matrix contains polyanionic segments. --

-- 281. (NEW) The composition of claim 245, wherein said monomeric unit contains polyanionic segments and the binding matrix contains polycationic segments. --

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